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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Tamworth

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report on the state of the Public Health in the Borough of Tamworth for the year 1953.

DEATH RATE

The death rate was 13.8 whilst that for England and Wales was 11.4.

INFANT DEATHS

Five infants under one year of age died during 1953. There were fourteen infant deaths in 1952 and ten in 1951.

The Infant Mortality Rate was 25.5 which compares favourably with the rate of 26.8 for the country as a whole.

The Still Birth Rate for the Borough was 15.0 whilst that for England and Wales was 22.4.

MATERNAL DEATHS

There were no deaths attributable to childbirth during 1953.

BIRTH RATE

This rate was 14.8, the rate for 1952 being 15.1 and that for 1951 being 17.1.

The progressive decrease in the Birth Rate is of greater statistical significance than is the decrease in the Infant Mortality Rate which, being computed from much smaller figures, is not a reliable index of social and environmental conditions.

There were 134 domiciliary confinements, 23 confinements at Nursing Homes in the Borough and 35 confinements at Hospitals outside of Tamworth.

The proportion of home confinements to hospital confinements was 2.3 : 1, and 70% of all confinements took place at home.

This high proportion of domiciliary confinements is largely due to the absence of Maternity hospital bed accommodation in the Borough.

Whilst the absence of these facilities has not adversely affected Maternal or Infant Welfare Mortality their provision is most desirable for sociological reasons and for the greater convenience of Borough Residents.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

No major epidemic occurred during 1953 nor was there any appreciable variation in the incidence of the common infectious diseases from that recorded for the country as a whole.

SLUM CLEARANCE

Fifty-two persons dwelling in houses unfit for human habitation were re-housed by the Corporation as the result of action taken by the Health Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Housing Act, 1936.

This action necessitated close co-operation between the Health and Estate Committee's in view of the limited number of Council Houses which could be made available for the re-housing of persons from unfit property and the latter Committee was most helpful in making accommodation available for these persons.

Almost the whole of the very limited time at my disposal as Medical Officer of Health was devoted to the reception and subsequent investigation of complaints concerning unsatisfactory housing conditions.

I must thank the small staff of the Health Department for their very real help and I would particularly like to thank the Sanitary Inspector for his genuine co-operation and sound advice.

In conclusion I wish to express my gratitude to the members of the Health Committee for their helpful co-operation.

A. FARNILL MORGAN,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR 1953.

Area in Acres	2,678
Registrar General's estimate of resident population ...	13,170
(Census, 1951)	12,889
(Census, 1931)	11,711
(Census, 1921)	8,032
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1953) according to Rate Books	3,902
Number of Inhabited Houses (Census, 1931)	2,785
Persons per Acre	4.8
Rateablue Value—December, 1953	£82,495
Product of 1d. Rate—December, 1953	£322

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births—		Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	...	190	93	97
Illegitimate	...	6	4	2
		196	97	99

Birth Rate 14.8.

Still Births—		Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	...	3	1	2
Illegitimate	...	—	—	—
		3	1	2

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Population ... .22

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births ... 15.0

Deaths from all Causes	Total.	Male.	Female.
	182	94	88
Death Rate per 1,000 population			13.8

Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age		Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	...	4	3	1
Illegitimate	...	1	1	—
		5	4	1

Deaths of Infants under Four Weeks of Age		Total.	Males.	Female.
Legitimate	...	2	2	—
Illegitimate	...	1	1	—
		3	3	—

Death Rate of Infants under One Year of Age

All Infants per 1,000 live births	25.5
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	21.0
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	166.6

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male.	Female.
Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	2
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	2	—
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	5	4
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	5	1
Malignant Neoplasm, breast	—	4
Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	—	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	10	7
Leukæmia, aleukæmia	—	—
Diabetes	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	10	15
Coronary disease, angina	9	9
Hypertension with heart disease	1	2
Other heart disease	17	18
Other circulatory disease	2	6
Influenza	—	—
Pneumonia	3	1
Bronchitis	4	1
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	1	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	—	—
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhœa	—	—
Nephritis and nephrosis	—	1
Hyperplasia of prostrate	1	—
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—
Congenital malformations	2	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	18	12
Motor vehicle accidents	—	—
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	1	—
Homicide and operations of war	1	—
Totals, all causes	94	88

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of cases notified together with the age groups.

INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1953.

Disease	Total cases at all ages	Total Cases Notified												Total Deaths	Cases admitted to Hospital
		Under 1 year	1 and under 2	2 and under 3	3 and under 4	4 and under 5	5 and under 10	10 and under 15	15 and under 20	20 and under 35	35 and under 45	45 and under 60	60 and over		
Smallpox ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever ...	21	...	1	1	4	2	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Fever ...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	1
Pneumonia ...	16	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	6	4	4	...
Erysipelas ...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	58	3	8	8	7	5	26	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
Measles ...	76	2	9	13	9	8	35	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	2
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Food Poisoning ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	181	6	19	22	21	15	75	...	2	5	3	8	5	4	22

VITAL STATISTICS

Birth Rates, Death Rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality and Case Rates for Certain Infectious Diseases in the Year 1953. Provisional figures based on Quarterly Returns.

	England & Wales	160 County Boroughs & Great Towns (including London)	160 Smaller Towns (Resident Population 25,000-50,000 at 1951 Census)	London Administrative County	TAMWORTH
Births:—	Rates per 1,000 Home Population.				
Live births ...	15·5	17·0	15·7	17·5	14·8
Still births ...	0·35	0·43	0·34	0·38	0·22
	22·4 a	24·6a	21·4 a	21·0 a	15·0
Deaths:—					
All Causes ...	11·4	12·2	11·3	12·5	13·8
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0·00	0·00	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	0·01	0·01	0·00	0·00	—
Diphtheria ...	0·00	0·00	0·00	—	—
Tuberculosis ...	0·20	0·24	0·19	0·24	0·14
Influenza ...	0·16	0·15	0·17	0·15	—
Smallpox ...	0·00	0·00	0·00	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis)	0·01	0·01	0·01	0·01	—
Pneumonia ...	0·55	0·59	0·52	0·64	0·29
Notifications (Corrected):—					
Typhoid Fever ...	0·00	0·00	0·00	0·01	—
Paratyphoid Fever ...	0·01	0·01	0·01	0·01	—
Meningococcal infection	0·03	0·04	0·03	0·03	—
Scarlet Fever ...	1·39	1·50	1·44	1·02	1·53
Whooping Cough ...	3·58	3·72	3·38	3·30	4·23
Diphtheria ...	0·01	0·01	0·01	0·00	—
Erysipelas ...	0·14	0·14	0·13	0·12	0·37
Smallpox ...	0·00	0·00	0·00	—	—
Measles ...	12·36	11·27	12·32	8·09	5·77
Pneumonia ...	0·84	0·92	0·76	0·73	1·21
Acute Poliomyelitis (including polioencephalitis)					
Paralytic ...	0.07	0·06	0·06	0·07	—
Non-paralytic ...	0·04	0·03	0·04	0.03	—
Food Poisoning	0·24	0·25	0·24	0·38	—
Puerperal pyrexia ...	18·23 a	24·33a	12·46a	28·61a	25·12a
Deaths:—	Rates per 1,000 Live Births.				
All causes under 1 year of age	26·8 b	30·8	24·3	24·8	25·5
Enteritis and Diarrhœa under 2 years of age ...	1·1	1·3	0·9	1·1	—

Maternal Mortality in England and Wales

Intermediate List No.	and cause	Number of Deaths	Rates per 1,000 Total (Live & Still) Births	Rates per million women aged 15-44
A115	Sepsis of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	68	0.10	
A116	Abortion with toxæmia ...	7	0.01	1
A116	Other toxæmias of pregnancy and the puerperium	166	0.24	
A117	Hæmorrhage of pregnancy and childbirth	90	0.13	
A118	Abortion without mention of sepsis or toxæmia ...	30	0.04	3
A119	Abortion with sepsis ...	39	0.06	4
A120	Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	125	0.18	

a—Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births.
b—Per 1,000 related live births.

FOOD POISONING

Food Poisoning Notifications (corrected) returned to R.G. :

1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
—	—	—	—

Total, Nil.

Outbreaks due to Identified Agents :
Total outbreaks, Nil. Total Cases, Nil.

Outbreaks of Undiscovered Cause :
Total outbreaks, Nil. Total Cases, Nil.

Single Cases :
Agent identified, Nil. Unknown causes, Nil. Total, Nil.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Primary injections :		**Boosters : (all ages)**
Under 1	... 14	354
1 to 4	... 143	
5 to 14	... 13	

Number of children immunised as at 31st December, 1953.

Last course of injections given	Under 1 year	1 to 4	5 to 14
A. 1949 to 1953	7	512	553
B. 1948 or earlier	—	—	809

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1953.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-5	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
5-15	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-25	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25-35	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
35-45	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
45-55	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	—
55-65	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 & over	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	5	12	1	—	—	2	—	—
	17		1		2		—	

HOUSING

The following table gives details of the Council's post-war housing programmes.

	Fazeley Road				Amington Road				Gillway					
	Allocated		Completed		Allocated		Completed		Allocated			Completed		
	No. of Houses	No. of Dwellings	No. of Houses	No. of Dwellings	No. of Houses	No. of Dwellings	No. of Houses	No. of Dwellings	No. of Houses	No. of Flats	No. of Dwellings	No. of Houses	No. of Flats	No. of Dwellings
1947	48	66	31	42	40	52	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1948	30	40	17	24	36	52	18	26	—	—	—	—	—	—
1949	48	60	2	2	—	—	58	78	—	—	—	—	—	—
1950	84	84	54	76	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1951	—	—	106	106	—	—	—	—	118	28	146	—	—	—
1952	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	152	4	156	102	12	114
1953	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	74	28	102	168	24	192
	210	250	210	250	76	104	76	104	344	60	404	270	36	306

Housing Applications :

List at 1st January, 1953—

	Householders.	Lodgers.	Total.
Applicants residing in the Borough	152	461	613
Applicants residing outside Borough	97	188	285
	249	649	898

List at 31st December, 1953—

Applicants residing in the Borough	142	379	521
Applicants residing outside Borough	124	248	372
	266	627	893

Housing Act, 1936.

A Clearance Order under Section 25 was made by the Council and confirmed by the Ministry of Local Government and Planning as follows :—

	Number of Houses.	Number of Persons Occupying Houses.
Tamworth (Marmion Street) Clearance Order, 1953 ...	6	23

Ten houses were dealt with under Section 11.

	Number of Houses.	Number of Persons Occupying Houses.	
9—11, Tan Yard ...	2	3	Undertaking accepted by Council not to be used for human habitation.
4, King Street ...	1	3	Do.
Toll Gate Cottage, Ashby Road ...	1	2	Demolished.
3—4, Fox Cottages, Coton Lane ...	2	7	Demolished.
4, 5, 6, 7, Perrycrofts, Albert Road ...	4	14	Undertaking accepted by Council not to be used for human habitation.

HOSPITALS

All hospitals in the Borough are included in the Lichfield, Sutton Coldfield and Tamworth Group under the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board and are as follows :—

Tamworth General Hospital.
St. Editha's Hospital.
Tamworth Isolation Hospital.

MATERNITY ACCOMMODATION

No maternity accommodation is provided at the Hospitals in the Borough and any cases for whom hospital accommodation is considered necessary have to go either to Lichfield or Birmingham.

CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES

These are under the County Council (except Tuberculosis and Orthopædic Clinics) since the 5th July, 1948.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held twice weekly.
A School Clinic is held weekly.
An Ante-Natal Clinic is held weekly.
Eye Clinics are held fortnightly.

Dental Clinics are held weekly for expectant and nursing mothers, toddlers and school children.

An Orthopædic Clinic is held weekly at the College Lane Schools.

A Chest Clinic is held weekly at the Lichfield centre.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

An ambulance is now stationed at Tamworth and is available during the daytime. The Lichfield ambulance is available at all other times.

In case of emergency, members of the Public may obtain an ambulance at any time by the customary procedure of dialling 999 and making their request known.

LABORATORY SERVICE

Bacteriological, pathological and chemical examinations are done at the Medical Research Laboratory, Stafford, since the 5th July, 1948, formerly the County Laboratory.

WATER SUPPLY

Source of Supply.—Well and bore hole at Hopwas Pumping Station. South Staffordshire Waterworks Company.

Gallons Pumped during 1953. — 193,379,000 Gallons. Received from South Staffordshire Waterworks Company, 90,425,710.

Well.—Highest, 5ft. 5in.; Lowest, 1ft.

Treatment Before Distribution.—The supply is chlorinated en route to the high level reservoir at Hopwas, and the bulk supply from the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company is chlorinated at source.

All dwelling houses in the Borough have a piped supply, either direct into the house or by means of standpipes.

Approximate number of houses supplied :—

(a) Direct to houses				Population
3,878	...	...	...	13,072
(b) By means of Standpipes				
24	...	...	...	96

Rainfall.—The Rainfall for the year 1953 was 19.98in.

With the assistance of the bulk supply from the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company, it was possible to give a continuous supply to all consumers throughout the year, at pressures ranging from 30lbs. to 80lbs.

During the year, 12 samples of water have been obtained by the Health Department from domestic supplies in various parts of the Borough and submitted for bacteriological and chemical examination.

The results were satisfactory. The water is not plumbo solvent. There is a fairly high degree of hardness.

OPEN-AIR SWIMMING BATHS

Routine samples were taken during the summer months when the baths were open. Bacteriological analyses were all satisfactory. " Break-point " chlorination was used.

These baths are a very valuable health asset to the Borough and are well patronised.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I herewith present my Annual Report for the year 1953.

During the year 16 houses were dealt with under the Housing Act, 1936, six were contained in a Clearance Order and 10 under Section 11.

The total number dealt with during the past three years is 51; 38 of these being contained in Clearance Orders.

The general work of sanitary administration is summarised in the various tables.

Meat and Food inspection has again demanded a major proportion of my time, and Sunday killing took place during the peak periods.

The following are particulars of animals slaughtered:

		Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
1952	...	2,013	1,161	6,015	1,335
1953	...	1,774	708	6,439	1,659

I must again respectfully direct the Committee's attention that to carry out adequately the important legislation for the safeguarding of public health single-handed is virtually impossible.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

The number of types of closet accommodation existing at the end of the year is as follow:—

No. of Houses	No. of Privies	No. of Pails	No. of Water Closets	Per cent. Dry	Per cent. Water Closets
3,902	6	36	4,629	0.9	99.1

The privy and pail type of closet are in the rural parts of the Borough where no sewer is available.

There are approximately 20 premises served by a system of drainage discharging to cesspools.

INSPECTIONS.

The following statement shows the number of visits and inspections to various classes of premises.

Visits and Inspections	Number
Inspection of drains of old property	36
Other inspections of existing property	270
To work in progress	456
,, test drains and sanitary fittings	12
,, premises re infectious diseases	48
,, tuberculous cases	6
,, respecting disinfection	48
,, cowsheds, dairies and milkshops	26
,, bakehouses	34
,, slaughterhouses	594
,, manure steads	6
,, factories	42
,, outworkers' premises	6
,, shops re Shops Acts	52
,, ,, re Meat Regulations	18
,, food inspection	232
,, offensive trades	8
Miscellaneous visits	68
Housing Acts	130
Caravans	22
	2,114

COMPLAINTS.

Nature of Complaint	Number Received
Choked passage drain	10
,, slopstone waste pipe	8
,, water closet	32
,, yard drain	14
Defective water closet basin	26
,, dust bin	154
,, wall and ceiling plaster	38
,, house roof	106
,, windows	24
,, kitchen sink	6
,, cooking range	17
,, floors	12
,, doors and frames	14
,, wash-houses and washing coppers .	42
,, yard surface	3
,, walls	16
,, gutters	76
,, drains	5
Dampness of house	56
Accumulation of refuse	3
Dirty house	6
General insanitary conditions	3
House infested with vermin	6
Nuisance from keeping animals	4
Accumulation of manure	3
Rat infested dwellings	90
Emission of smoke	24
Miscellaneous	36
	834

To secure the abatement of these defective conditions, 156 informal notices were served.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	16	8	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	89	34	8	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	105	42	8	—

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	7	7	—	6	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	
Total	8	8	—	6	—

Eighteen persons were returned as Outworkers under the Act, and these were engaged on wearing apparel. Visits were made and in each case the home conditions were considered suitable.

TABLE SHOWING CARCASES CONDEMNED AND DISEASED CONDITIONS.

Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Disease	Weight in lbs.
32	2		4	Generalised Tuberculosis	18,634
5 part carcases				Tuberculosis	971
1				Tuberculosis with Emaciation	568
3			1	Septic Metritis	1,928
1				Emaciation—Johnnes Disease ...	572
2				Arsenical Poisoning	1,082
1 part carcase				Injury	68
	15		1	Immature	656
	1		1	Septic Peritonitis	131
	1	36	1	Emaciation	2,257
	1			Fevered	210
		3	3	Septicæmia	797
		8		Asphyxia	484
		3	2	Pyæmia	536
		1		Malformation	37
		1		Jaundice	81
		1		Bruising	45
		1	1	Dropsy	110
			1	Ureamia	122
			1	Putrefaction	265
			2	Swine Erysipelas	276
			3	Decomposition	111
39 Carcases 6 Part Carcases	20 Carcases	54 Carcases	21 Carcases		29,941

DAIRY FARMS, DAIRIES, RETAIL PURVEYORS OF MILK

Cowkeepers	10
Dairies	6
Retail Purveyors	21

The majority of the milk retailed within the Borough is pasteurised and sold as such. One producer/retailer is an "accredited" producer.

One dairy is licensed to pasteurise milk and the principle adopted is by the "holder" method. One dairy obtains the supply pasteurised and bottled from a large wholesaler.

Inspections of dairies, vehicles and vessels have been made and attention directed to any contravention of the Regulations.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

An employee of the Council is trained and engaged in part-time rodent control work.

One hundred and eight inspections were made and ninety premises were found to be infested. The facilities provided by the Council were made available to the owners or occupiers and the infestations were successfully treated by pre-baiting and poisoning.

Half-yearly treatment of the sewers and periodical treatment of the Council's refuse disposal tip has been carried out.

SANITARY SUPERVISION OF PLACES OF AMUSEMENT

The cinemas and other places of entertainment have been periodically inspected with regard to their sanitary accommodation.

The managements have been found anxious to maintain the conveniences in a satisfactory condition, and any defects found have at once been remedied.

PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS, 1924 & 1935
Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933

Tamworth is a killing centre for the Ministry of Food and serves the surrounding district.

The Slaughterhouse of the Butchery Department, Tamworth Industrial Co-operative Society, is used by the Ministry of Food.

The accommodation and facilities available at the slaughterhouse are still the same and the comments I have made in previous reports regarding the unsatisfactory conditions which arise still apply.

Sunday slaughtering again took place during the peak periods.

The slaughterhouse is also used for "Casualties" and animals referred for slaughter under the Tuberculosis Order, 1938. There is no separate slaughtering or hanging accommodation and these killings have to be fitted in with normal slaughtering.

Of the 33 cattle condemned on account of Tuberculosis, 26 were cows and of this number 14 had been referred for slaughter under the Tuberculosis Order, 1938, the remainder had passed through the collecting centres.

In order to keep abreast of the work, and to enable supplies to the butchers being available without undue delay, it is necessary for me to devote a considerable proportion of my time to meat inspection.

Carcases Slaughtered and Examined

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Cow/ Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
1952 Number killed	402	809	802	1161	6015	1335
1953 Number killed	393	774	607	708	6439	1659
Number inspected ...	393	774	607	708	6439	1659
Diseases except Tuberculosis						
Whole carcases condemned ...	—	5	1	18	54	17
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	34	205	67	12	270	112
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis ...	8.6	27.1	11.2	4.2	5.0	7.7
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned ...	2	26	5	2	—	5
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	46	284	78	—	—	96
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	12.2	40.0	13.6	0.28	—	6.0

Organs Condemned	Weight in lbs.
Cattle	13,805
Calves	36
Sheep	494
Pigs	2,206
	16,541
Whole and part carcases	29,941
Other Foods	1,896
Total amount condemned	48,378

= 21 tons 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.

The mechanical stunning of all animals is required.

BAKEHOUSES AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

There are seven bakehouses and 34 food-preparing premises registered in the Borough.

Visits of inspection have been carried out, attention being directed to the condition and cleanliness of premises, utensils, machinery, etc., and the personal hygiene of the employees.

I am, lady and gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. BIRCHWOOD,
SANITARY INSPECTOR